

Hello,

I am a native Californian, currently living in San Francisco.

I was a bit confused by the process for commenting on the upcoming farm bill of 2007, but I would like to say one thing (if I can only address one food-related issue that urges me the most).

I would urge the CDFA to provide support in this next farm bill for sustainable, small scale, organic farms as a whole (research, implementation, farmer's markets, and the like), and support for sustainable agricultural projects in cities especially.

Considering a dubious energy future, in which fossil fuels make importing and exporting food products more and more expensive, I think it is wise to use our valuable state monies to work on creating local food systems to offset these costs.

I work on an all-volunteer run farm in SF (the only one of its kind) called the Alemany Farm. Please feel free to check out our website: www.alemanyfarm.org.

With more education, research, and monetary/government support for local, non-resource intensive agriculture, we Californians can lead the way to a sustainable food-secure future for us all.

Thank You, and I hope this is not too late,

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